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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Scientific and Technical Intelligence - General (Recommendation No. 15 of the 4 October 1961 Report to the President by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)

1. This memorandum recommends the position that you should take with regard to the recommendations transmitted by [redacted] 25X1 memorandum of 21 May 1962. Our recommendation is set forth in paragraph 5.

25X1 2. [redacted] memorandum is accompanied by a report assessing the current status of scientific and technical intelligence and making certain recommendations for improving the collection, coordination, and analysis of such intelligence. We see no objection to the recommendations as stated, although we believe that some of the actions recommended are not likely to result in any major improvement to scientific and technical intelligence.

3. The assessment of scientific and technical intelligence upon which the recommendations are based contains one point which we believe to be in error. The report expresses concern that there is "some duplication of effort" between CIA and the military services "for which justification is not entirely clear". We feel that there is more work to be done in these fields than can now be done

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by all parties working on them, and we believe that in fact there is little purposeless duplication of work. Furthermore, the Board of National Estimates believes that CIA's independent capability in scientific and technical intelligence relating to military matters is of the utmost importance in preparing estimates.

4. In spite of our difference of view concerning this section of the basic report, we believe that the pertinent recommendation for CIA to reexamine its program for the production of scientific and technical intelligence in the light of changes now taking place in the intelligence community is a sound recommendation and something which we would normally do in any case. In fact, representatives of OSI have recently reviewed their work program with representatives of DIA.

5. It is recommended that you approve the recommendations and supporting assessment submitted by [redacted] subject to the excision of the second paragraph on page 19 of the assessment. 25X1

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